

CITY HALL



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Imaginez un monde où tout ce que vous écrivez prend vie...
Que foriez-vous alors si le papier, disparu depuis plus de
deux cents ans, réapparaissait dans les mains de Black Fowl,
le plus grand esprit criminel de ce siècle ?

À situation exceptionnelle, mesure exceptionnelle.

Les forces de police de City Hall vont devoir faire appel
à deux des plus fines plumes de Londres :
Jules Verne et Arthur Conan Doyle !

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Écrire un manga a été une nouvelle aventure pour moi, extraordinaire et inoubliable.

Comme je travaille en musique, je tiens à vous faire partager les albums qui m'ont inspiré pour ce tome 1. Harry Potter - The Deathly Hallows d'Alexandre Desplat et The Sixth Sense de James Newton Howard. Écoutez-les en lisant cette histoire merveilleusement illustrée par mon ami Guillaume, je suis certain qu'ils sauront vous accompagner comme ils l'ont fait pour moi !

Rémi



Mon ami Rémi a toujours l'habitude de trouver ses idées sous la douche. Pour City Hall il l'a trouvée en larvant devant la télé, comme tout le monde. Il a décroché son téléphone et il m'a demandé : «Hey si on faisait une BD qui s'appellerait City Hall ?». Je n'avais pas la moindre idée de ce dont ça parlait, mais j'ai dit «Banco !».

Guillaume



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Oserez-vous
une
dédicace ?...

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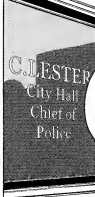
IN: NEPHILIM ARE SUPPOSEDLY FALLEN ANGELS, SOME BELIEVE THEY ARE GIANTS



LONDON, JUNE 1902

"AN EARTHLY KINGDOM CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT INEQUALITY OF PERSONS. SOME MUST BE FREE, SOME SERFS, SOME RULERS, SOME SUBJECTS" - MARTIN LUTHER





MISS, I AM
SADDENED TO
SAY THAT WE
WILL HAVE NO
USE FOR YOUR
SKILLS
HERE...

CHIEF INSPECTOR!
THE FINANCE
MINISTER!!



WHAT IS IT? WAS HE
ONCE AGAIN CAUGHT IN
AN INCRIMINATORY
SITUATION?!



NO SIR...

HE IS
DEAD!

HE WAS
ASSASSINATED
!!



IF YOU CHANGE
YOUR MIND, YOU
KNOW WHERE TO
FIND ME!

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
OFFER, BUT
I HAVE TO
GO NOW...

DUTY IS
CALLING!





DOWNNEY, START TALKING...

GIVE ME A REPORT ON THE SITUATION, AS PRECISE AS YOU CAN!

THE FINANCE MINISTER WAS DISCOVERED DEAD THIS MORNING; IT ALL HAPPENED AFTER A TREMENDOUS RACKET WAS HEARD IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT.

OFFICER HAWKINS, OF THE CITY HALL SECRET SERVICES, FOUND THE BODY.

AN EXPLOSION YOU SAY...?!



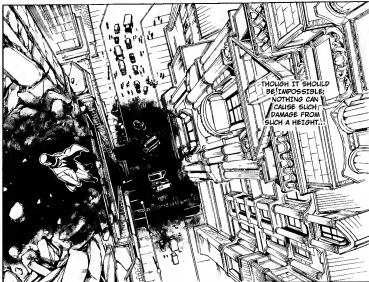
YES SIR...

THE WHOLE FRONT OF THE 101 DOWNING STREET OFFICE WAS BLOWN TO SMITHERS!!





IT WOULD BE MORE
ACCURATE TO SAY IT WAS
DELIBERATELY DESTROYED,
AND WHAT'S MORE, IT WAS
DONE FROM THE INSIDE.



THOUGH IT SHOULD
BE IMPOSSIBLE;
NOTHING CAN
CAUSE SUCH
DAMAGE FROM
SUCH A HEIGHT...



CHIEF
INSPECTOR
LESTER!



PHILIPPS,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THIS?



I WOULD SAY
HE DIED NO MORE
THAN 2 HOURS AGO.
IT'S PROBABLY A
DEATH BY CRUSHING,
THOUGH AN ALTOPSY
WILL BE NECESSARY
TO CONFIRM THIS.



HOWEVER, I CAN'T
MAKE ANYTHING OF
THE BURN MARKS ON
HIS BODY... THESE
ARE CHARACTERISTICS
OF THE PRESENCE OF
A VIOLENT FIRE, BUT
THEY SEEM TO HAVE
GOTTEN THERE ONLY
AFTER HE PASSED
AWAY...

THESE SAME
BURN MARKS CAN
BE FOUND AT
ONE OTHER
LOCATION IN THE
OFFICE...

...AND THIS TRAIL
SETS US DIRECTLY
TOWARDS THE
WINDOW LOCATED
10 STOREYS
BELOW.

INDEED!!

ALTHOUGH...

THIS IS
NOT THE
STRANGEST
FACT...

WHAT DID
YOU SEE?

I'M TROUBLED
BECAUSE I
SAW NOTHING!

ALMOST NO DEBRIS
IN THE STREET, THE
FURNITURE PUSHED
TO THE BACK OF THE
ROOM, AND THERE
ARE PIECES OF
GLASS IN THE
OFFICE...

WHAT CAUSED ALL OF
THIS CAME FROM THE
OUTSIDE AND MUST
HAVE BEEN REALLY
POWERFUL!



YOU CAN
CARRY THE
BODY OFF,
PHILIPPS!



LESTER,
LOOK!!





I...I DON'T
WANT TO HEAR
ANYTHING ABOUT
WHAT YOU JUST
SAW! COME TO MY
OFFICE LATER TO
MAKE YOUR
REPORT!!

IN THAT TIME, IF
EVEN THE SMALLEST
BIT OF INFORMATION
LEAKS, I WILL
PERSONALLY BRING
DOWN THE ONE WHO
TALKED!





CHIEF
INSPECTOR!
WHAT HAPPENED
...!?

FLASH FLASH

IS IT
REALLY A
MURDER?

DO YOU
ALREADY
HAVE SOME
LEADS...!?

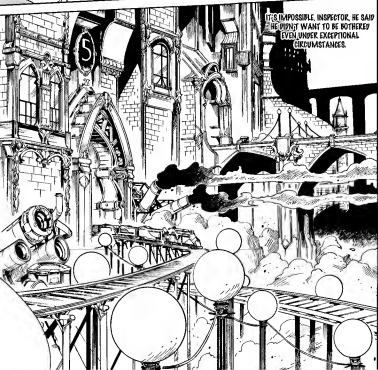


TO CITY
HALL!!

QUICKLY!!



FOR SOME
UNKNOWN
REASON, THE
CHIEF
INSPECTOR
LESTER MADE
USE OF HIS
WEAPON ON THE
STREET. THIS
WILL FURTHER
TARNISH THE
POLICE
REPUTATION!!



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, INSPECTOR, HE SAID
HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED
EVEN UNDER EXCEPTIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCES.



MISS, DON'T MAKE ME
LOSE MY
PATIENCE...YOU KNOW
I'M NOT A MAN WHO
CAN TOLERATE
UNSUBORDINATION!!

THAT'S WHY
YOU CAN FULL WELL
UNDERSTAND, CHIEF
INSPECTOR, WHY I
CANNOT LET YOU IN
HIS OFFICE!

NOW,
NOW...

AFTER
CAUSING
MAYHEM IN
FRONT OF THE
PRESS...

NOW YOU ARE
ATTACKING MY
ASSISTANT...!

FOLLOW ME,
LESTER... COME
ON IN, AND LET'S
TALK!





HAVE YOU
GONE MAD,
CARLTON??

WHAT GOT YOU
TO SHOOT IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
STREET??

AND IN FRONT
OF THOSE
JOURNALIST
SHARKS!?



NOW... I WILL
YOU FINALLY
TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED?

BAM

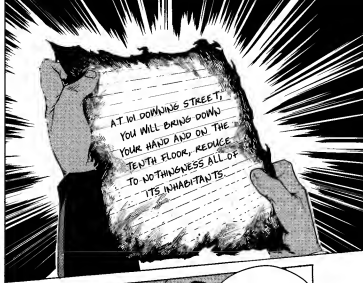


MALCOLM...



THE WORLD AS WE
KNEW IT...

HAS CEASED
TO EXIST!!



AT 101 DOWNING STREET,
YOU WILL BRING DOWN
YOUR HAND AND ON THE
TENTH FLOOR, REDUCE
TO NOTHINGNESS ALL OF
ITS INHABITANTS.



WHO COULD HAVE
PERPETRATED SUCH AN
ABOMINATION, AND BY
WHAT WONDER DID HE
KNOW HOW TO DO IT?



WE HAVE
TO FACE THE
TRUTH...

OUT THERE, IS A
CRIMINAL WITH AN
EXTRAORDINARY
INFLUENCE...

IN POSSESSION OF
THE MOST POWERFUL
WEAPON HUMANITY
HAS EVER HAD...

AND HE
KNOWS
HOW TO
USE IT!!

I AGREE
WITH YOU,
THIS IS THE
WORST
THING THAT
COULD HAVE
HAPPENED...
WE HAVE TO
PROTECT THE
CITY AND ITS
INHABITANTS.

WHO KNOWS
ABOUT THE
STATE OF
AFFAIRS...?

WHO CARES IF
THIS...TERRORIST
DECIDES TO STRIKE
AGAIN TOMORROW,
WE WILL NOT HOLD
MORE THAN A FEW
MINUTES... WE'RE
NOT EQUIPPED WELL
ENOUGH TO FACE
SUCH A THREAT!!

CARLTON!!

I'M NOT
ASKING YOU TO
COMMENT, BUT
TO ANSWER
ME!!!

DON'T
FORGET
WHO I AM;
I'M THE
MAYOR!!

PHILIPPS AND
DOWNEY KNOW.

PHILIPPS
WILL STAY
AS SILENT
AS A GRAVE,
I'M SURE OF
THIS...

ROBERT
WON'T SAY
ANYTHING,
UNTIL I TELL
HIM WHAT TO
DO!

YOU ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THEIR SILENCE...

IF ANYONE ELSE
DISCOVERS THE
TRUTH...

CHAOS
MIGHT
FALL ON
LONDON!!



I'M AS AFRAID
AS YOUR ARE, MY
FRIEND. BUT IF WE
LOSE HOPE, WHOM
WILL THE PEOPLE BE
ABLE TO RELY ON?



I THINK I WAS
SECRETLY AFRAID IT
WOULD HAPPEN IN
MY TIME... THE PAST
IS SO...

PAINFUL...?

YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT YOU'VE
KNOWN ME FOR
A LONG TIME
NOW AND YOU
KNOW I DON'T
LET MYSELF BE
SURPRISED!

...SO I
SHOULDN'T BE
MISTAKEN
SAYING THAT
US, TOO, HAVE
A SECRET
WEAPON!!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

I ONLY
NEED HIM
TO AGREE...

YOUR
ORDERS,
MR. MAYOR
...





PLEASE,
CALL JULIUS
VERNE



CHARACTER
FILE



JULES VERNE

GENIUS WRITER, HIS LIFE IS
DEDICATED TO WRITING AND SCIENCE.
HIS VIEWS ON THE FUTURE, AS WELL
AS HIS EXTRAORDINARY TRAVELS, WILL
MAKE HIM A VISIONARY MAN THAT WILL
INSPIRE ENTIRE GENERATIONS. HE
DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT YET, BUT
WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED TO HEAR IT...

